

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration is hereby requested.

Various editorial amendments have been made to the specification. It is submitted that no new matter has been added to the application via such amendments.

The Examiner indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for the informalities listed in item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action. Accordingly, claims 1 and 9 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Various additional amendments to the claims have also been made in order to improve the U.S. form of the claims.

It is submitted that claims 1-9 as amended remain allowable.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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